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Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has required Applicants to select one of the following Groups pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a polymeric composition;  
Group II, claims 10-18, drawn to a coated transfer sheet;  
and  
Group III, claims 19-21, drawn to a method of printing.

Applicants hereby elect Group II. However, Applicants point out that the claims of Group III, claims 19-21, depend upon either claim 10 or claim 14 of Group II. Thus, the rejoinder and examination of these claims would not represent an undue burden on the Examiner.


In summary, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner search and consider the claims of Group II. Upon the indication of allowability for the claims of Group II, the claims of Group III should be rejoined.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Craig A. McRobbie (Reg. No. 42,874) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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